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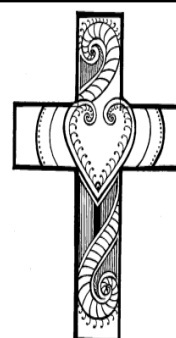
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25th of May 2025 6th Sunday of Easter

	Responsorial Psalm Ps 67 Response: O God, let all the nations praise you.	MASS TIMES Tuesday & Thursday - 9am Wednesday Morning - 9am Wednesday Evening Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at 7:10pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm Friday Morning - 9 am First Friday of the month: Blessed Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm Saturday - 8am and 6pm Vigil Mass Sunday - 7am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm CARING COMMUNITY Drop-in every Tuesday after 9am Mass SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch 20 DECADE ROSARY Wednesday -After 9am Mass RECONCILIATION Wednesday - 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Thursday - After 9am Mass until 12pm MEDITATION Last Friday of the month at 10am BAPTISM COURSE Every 3rd Friday of the month 5:30 pm at pastoral centre BAPTISM SCHEDULE Saturday 10:30am, 11:30am, and 12:30pm HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS Every First Saturday of the Month at 6pm HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS Every Sunday 9:00am and 10:30am Mass FAITH SHARING Every 4th Sunday of the month at 11.45am DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm
	Mission Statement of Our Parish "We the Catholic Community of the Holy Cross Parish Henderson, empowered by the Holy Spirit, accept and proclaim the Good News and strive to be one in God's love and to be of service to others".	

Loving the Trinity
Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me."
John 14:23-24

Reflect, today, upon the most central calling you have been given. That mission is to become a dwelling place for God. And that is only accomplished by your love of God which is expressed through obedience to His Word. Ponder obedience. Tell God you will obey His every command of love. Look at your actions and consider any ways that you fail in obedience to all that our Lord has commanded. Where you see any deviation, know that correcting that deviation is the pathway not only to a deeper love but also the pathway to a fuller unity with the Triune God Who seeks to unite Himself to you from within .

Most Holy Trinity, Unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come dwell within me. I pray for the gift of love of You, expressed through my obedience to Your every command that is revealed through Your holy Word. May I become more fully aware of every way I delay in my obedience so that I may change my ways and open myself more fully to You.

CAPUCHIN FRIARS Fr. Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap.—Parish Priest Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap—Assistant Parish Priest Janice Borsos— School Principal	Readings This Sunday First: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 Psalm: 67 Second: Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23 Gospel: John 14: 23-29	Readings Next Sunday First: Acts 1: 1-11 Psalm: 47 Second: Ephesians 1:17-23 Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53	Scripture Readings for the week <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Monday</td> <td>Ps 149</td> <td>Acts 16:11-15</td> <td>John 15:26-16:4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>Ps 138</td> <td>Acts 16:22-34</td> <td>John 16:5-11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>Ps 148</td> <td>Acts 17:15,22 18:1</td> <td>John 16:12-15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>Ps 98</td> <td>Acts 18:1-8</td> <td>John 16:16-20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>Ps 47</td> <td>Acts 18:9-18</td> <td>John 16:20-23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>Ps 12</td> <td>Zeph 3:14-18a</td> <td>Luke 1:39-56</td> </tr> </table>	Monday	Ps 149	Acts 16:11-15	John 15:26-16:4	Tuesday	Ps 138	Acts 16:22-34	John 16:5-11	Wednesday	Ps 148	Acts 17:15,22 18:1	John 16:12-15	Thursday	Ps 98	Acts 18:1-8	John 16:16-20	Friday	Ps 47	Acts 18:9-18	John 16:20-23	Saturday	Ps 12	Zeph 3:14-18a	Luke 1:39-56
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Jubilee 2025– The late Pope Francis has declared this year of Jubilee with the theme Pilgrims of Hope, giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment.

Bishop’s Appeal 2025 Vocation Sunday—Supporting Auckland Seminarians. With 11 men discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Auckland, We are blessed with our largest intake in many years. Please keep them in your prayers and, if you can, support their formation. Scan the QR code to donate online or visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate. Pay by Direct Deposit **Account Name:** Roman Catholic Diocese of Auckland **Account Number:** 02 0100 0746838 004 **PARTICULARS:** Your Surname & Initials **CODE:** SEM25 **REFERENCE:** Your phone Number

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Holy Cross Charismatic Fellowship will have their monthly meeting on Monday the 26th of May at 7pm in the parish meeting room. We will be reflecting on the 3 chapters of St Paul's letter 2nd letter to the Thessalonians. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please bring your Bible along. For further details please contact Anil Baptist on Mobile number 0223649306 or anilbaptist@gmail.com.

Communion—Please give reverence to the Eucharist by going back to your seat after Communion. Go back to your seat, pray in thanksgiving upon receiving the **Body and Blood of Christ**, even though you have only received the hosts.



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Priest—Auckland Priests Assembly for Diocesan and Religious Priests **26-29 May** Understanding Synodality – Living it as priests – Reshaping our parishes in light of synodality. **There will be no Mass or Confession.** Novena prayers will continue as usual, but there will be no Novena Mass. Please note that there will also be no Adoration during this week. Morning Mass will resume on **Friday, 30th of May**. The church and the parish office will still be open.



Health & Safety—Individuals parking in private driveways have diminished. Let us please keep it that way. If you park illegally, neighbours may begin calling a tow truck, and the Parish will not be responsible for any fines or towing fees incurred.

A gentle reminder to parents: if you’ve changed your child’s nappy, please do not dispose of it in the church rubbish bins. We kindly ask that you take the soiled nappy with you, as it can be unpleasant for the next person using the facilities. Children under the age of 5 are not permitted upstairs or allowed to play on the stairs. The stairs are quite steep, posing a risk of falls and injury.



Safeguarding– Parental Supervision: For the safety of all, please accompany your children in the church at all times. We prioritize everyone's well-being, especially the vulnerable. **Please refrain from using the sacristy toilet, public toilets are available at the foyer.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Faith Sharing Sunday—Our next session for 2025 will be held on Sun. 25th May at 11.45am (after the 10.30am Mass) We will commence with a Talk on the Topic of the day followed by a shared lunch. **Speaker:** Dr. Robert Hardie OFS, GP/Surgeon (Retd.) - UK. **Topic :** ‘ *Franciscan Medicine* ’

Come and listen to Dr. Robert Hardie share his life experiences with ‘Franciscan Medicine’ in the UK and parts of Africa and Asia, as a GP in a Pro-life Christian practice.....All are welcome! For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355 (**A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative**)



The Legion of Mary invites you to join them in observing May as the Month of the Rosary. To encourage devotion to Our Lady, they'll be distributing **Holy Rosaries, Brown Scapulars & Miraculous Medals on Sunday, 25th May after 6pm mass**. All are welcome to receive these sacred items. May this initiative bring spiritual growth and devotion to Our Lady among parishioners and their families.





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Mass Collection For Last Week

1st Collection	\$ 2,506.80
2nd Collection	\$ 2,205.20
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Direct Credits	\$ 3,949.00
Other Offering	\$ 65.00

Monthly Parish Receipts and Disbursements Report are posted regularly on the church foyer board. Thank you for your kind support and generosity.

Holy Cross Website is under maintenance and information on that site are outdated

Planned Giving Tax Receipts & Envelope—please contact the parish office to collect your planned giving receipts and new planned giving envelop. Those who have email ID will receive their tax receipts by email.

Holy Cross Parish Volunteers

Ministries– Please discern what ministry, that you can help in our Parish. If you want to serve, we would like to know. There will be people who will be taking names, kindly approach them. Ministries Like Ushers, Altar Servers, Leaders, Readers, Especial Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, and even Cleaners.

Special Parish Events Volunteers—if you can give up your time during any Big Parish Events, we would like to know your name. Please approach the people outside and give them your contact details. The Office staff will come back to you.

Flowers- As the flowers are getting expensive, we are giving the flower decorations to the community each week. It will be First Week - Tongan; Second Week - Samoan Community; 3rd week - OFS, Men's Fellowship, and Legion of Mary; 4th week - Filipino Community; 5th week - Fijian Community. Anyone who wants to donate some money for decorations, kindly email the office and we will pass it through the corresponding community for that week.

Sixth week of Easter 24th & 25th May 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Bonita	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	Legion of Mary
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Sabrina Veatupu			
Reader 2:	Amy Macuja	Nikolao Saqote Whyte			
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jessica D'Silva Dominica Cowan Maria Alimagno Renante Alimagno	Ann Mckeown Michael Mckeown			
Collector:	Phyllis & Mark & Elridge	Jean Soniega	Men's Fellowship	Celino Orquejo	Michael Eade
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Tito & Amanda & Isabel	Caroline & Renessa & Frenc	Filipino Community	Lui, Jacob, Ana & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family		Legion of Mary
Offertory					
		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

Ascension of the Lord 1st June 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	child	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Janice Borsos	Tongan Community	Sr. Ake Nun Toon
Reader 1:	child	Jean Soniega	Cheryl Sinclair		Kiara Monteiro
Reader 2:	child	Savieli Lea	Gemma Dominguez		Sue Ivicevich
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Angel Cueva Jossie Cueva Grace Cueva	Geraldine Soquera Winnie Veikoso	Frank Borsos, Sina Patolo Piet Bakker Teresa Malone		Michael Eade Pearlie T/Judd Daniele Monteiro
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Tongan Community	Michael
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Tito, Amanda & Isabel	Caroli, Nessa & French.	Suzainne & Jordan	Ana, Feeba, Lui, Jacob
Music Ministry:	Musica Christy	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & Choir	Tongan Community	couples for Christ
Offertory					
		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Flowers Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Children's Liturgy	